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## Getting Ready To Move In



### Judges Honored

This week Judge Shidler and Attorney William MacFaden were honored with testimonials from hundreds of their friends and associates on the occasion of Judge Shidler's elevation from the South Bay Municipal Court to the Superior Court of Los Angeles county and Attorney MacFaden's appointment to fill the Shidler vacancy by Governor Brown.

The tremendous growth of the Los Angeles area has imposed a growing demand on the time and capacity of all judges and certainly those sitting in the local area have been no exception. Judge Shidler has been a hard working and sincere public servant and his selection to move upward in his profession qualifies him to become a worthy member of the Superior bench.

Judge MacFaden has been an outstanding attorney and civic leader in the Redondo Beach community and has unquestioned qualifications. With Judges Willett and Armstrong he will help in giving the local municipal courts wise and competent leadership.

### The Wasting Dollar

Some people still are puzzled over the sudden interest in the drain of U.S. gold reserves and the flight of the American dollar to foreign shores where the American Eagle is getting his wings singed.

It is as simple to understand as one's own budget: if you keep on giving cash to the children and loaning money to every mendicant who asks for it, you will soon find yourself in trouble.

Travelers abroad during the past decade couldn't help but notice that we were spending billions as though we had them. Maybe we had them at one time and may still have, but thoughtful American innocents abroad came home wondering just how long it would last.

One of the grosser misuses of the taxpayers' money has been the wanton spending to support U.S. military dependents abroad in a manner to which a good many of them were not accustomed. Wherever the American traveler went he encountered dependents and their worldly goods, brought from America and a lot more collected abroad, being shipped back and forth—all at taxpayer expense. Some of it was certainly not necessary and much of it could have been done more economically. There was a time and a place for certain of the extravagances; but, for the most part, they were and are of less than the permanency intended when Congress passed the appropriation.

Americans must get over the guilt complex they have of thinking that they and they alone must support the rest of the world. Help people to help themselves and fight disease and hunger wherever it exists, but understand always that there is a bottom of the barrel and we may have reached it.

Actually, there are blocks of foreign competitors proving they can take care of themselves and we today are experiencing the rude awakening of steel being delivered in Chicago and Los Angeles at prices lower than we can produce it a few miles away.

### Little Chats

## On Public Notice

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By JAMES E. POLLARD

### THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

(No. 2 in a Series)  
One of the important books of the 1950's was "The People's Right to Know." It was written by the late Dr. Harold L. Cross, a leading attorney and for some years on the staff of the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University. As its foreword pointed out, the book was in reality a report to the American Society of News-

paper Editors which sponsored the study. This 400-page book has to do with the status of legal access to the public records and proceedings in the United States. It deals with various aspects of what the book calls "the never-won struggle for a maximum of basic freedoms in a free society." Concentrated attention has been focused upon this problem in recent years by a number of agencies, both state and national.

In wartime and under the security conditions necessary even during the cold war, there has been a tendency to go beyond necessity in withholding information from the public. Some of this has resulted from overzealousness on the part of the armed services. Some has grown out of the tendency of bureaucracy to protect itself and, in so doing, to make its own ground rules. But as a result of the efforts of Dr. Cross and others, some progress has been made in breaking down the fences erected around legitimate information.

Public notice, or legal advertising, is another aspect of the people's right to know. It is for the protection of their rights, both personal and collective. Whether it has to do with tax rates, special election, or settling an estate, the principal is the same. The newspaper, in turn, performs a public service in publishing public notices. They are part of the legal machinery of helping to insure the people's right to know.



"Two of the biggest highway menaces are drivers under 25 going over 65 and drivers over 65 going under 25."—L. S. McCandles.

"Maybe man really does love his wife as much as he does his dog, but you never heard of his whistling around the neighborhood half the night trying to get her to come home."—Bill Potter.

"Too many Americans go in for weight-lifting with the wrong equipment — a knife and fork."—Hal Holbrook.

"The only thing tougher than predicting exactly how an election will turn out is explaining why it didn't."—Jean Carroll.

"The only thing more disturbing than a neighbor with a noisy car is one with a quiet new one."—Pep Mea-liffe.

## 'Smutty' Movies Played

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL  
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Pornographic motion pictures have aroused the anger of many mothers of adolescent children who have written to me recently. Several Protestant clergymen have telephoned me and asked what the State can do.

One rabbi told me at a service club luncheon that his congregation is greatly concerned about the problem. Catholic priests and leaders of their organizations of laymen are also up in arms on the same subject.

OBVIOUSLY, this is in the same field as pornographic literature. Many readers of this column will remember that I was the floor leader for the Honorable Louis Francis, Member of the Assembly, 25th Assembly District, when he presented his bill restricting the circulation of pornographic literature at a recent session of the California State Legislature.

His bill did not become a law, even though it had statewide backing from thousands of people. The opponents of his bill asked two questions which were difficult to answer. These were: (1) How do you define in law obscene literature, and (2) Who will be the judge of what is obscene?

a statement of ethics adopted long ago by most motion picture producers, has been disregarded by wholesale and deliberate violation.

AMONG OTHER things, the Bishops said:

"This committee urges all Catholics to support an unmistakable national protest against the continuing production and exhibition of films which glorify adultery, which advocate free love, which belittle and debase the sacred state of matrimony, which ridicule personal integrity and which deaden human sensibilities by submerging them in a broiling sea of brutality and violence."

The Bishops also emphasized that "pornographic and perverted subject matter," previously found principally in motion pictures released by small producers and shown in obscure theaters has appeared during the last year in "major quality production," which obviously means that the major producers are now making this junk and showing it at the principal theaters.

ORIGINALLY, such dirty pictures were supposedly produced for "Adults Only," as the advertisements said, but they are actually attracting mostly young people during the

impressionable period of their lives.

The Bishops urged parents to keep their children out of theaters showing obscene films and also to stay away themselves. Finally, the Bishops urged the motion picture producers to regulate themselves, which would be better than legal censorship, and then they said that continued disregard of moral standards by the producers will lead to public demand for government restriction.

THAT BRINGS us back to where we started. Do you agree with the Bishops or do you want the State of California to set up a censorship program? Personally, I believe that if we all boycott dirty pictures, we can hit the producers where it hurts most—in their pocket books.

How do you know in advance that a motion picture is pornographic? One simple way is to read the advertisements in the newspapers and in front of the theaters.

Finally, I am a Protestant, but I believe the Roman Catholic Bishops are right in their stand on motion pictures. Please write me at Post Office Box 777, Inglewood 5, until Dec. 27, and thereafter at State Capital, Sacramento 14, Calif.

### Law in Action

## Criminal Appeals

In civil cases either side may appeal to a higher court. But not so in criminal cases: If the trial court or jury acquits an accused person, the district attorney rarely appeals. At English Common Law a prosecution appeal was almost unheard of.

California allows some such appeals if a judge:

- (1) Reduces the degree of the crime or the punishment set by the jury; (2) sets aside an indictment, or (3) gives the accused a new trial after conviction.

But if a court lets the accused off, the state, as a rule, seldom can appeal since it would put him "twice in jeopardy."

Since the trial court can set aside an indictment which doesn't charge a real crime, the prosecution may appeal to see if the law does in effect define the crime.

The government may also appeal on such questions of law as: Was a court right to rule that the defendant's acts were privileged? Was it right to say the statute of limitations had run? Did previous decisions bar further prosecution?

Recently a district attorney could not give certain records back to the accused which he needed for defense.

So the trial court dismissed the accused's indictment, and the higher court said the trial could go on only if the accused got his records back.

Of late courts have often called upon the prosecution to show a defendant evidence, such as names of his accusers, witnesses, or "informers." Otherwise the prosecution must drop its case. For an accused person needs to know such things before trial in order to prepare his defense. And the courts of appeal have backed him in this demand.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our law.

## From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

### A Fine Line

Editor, Torrance Herald  
While the "gamecock raid" obviously rated headlines as an item of local interest, it seems a shame that there is not some way that real criminals can't be given proportionately as much or more publicity.

In another local paper, kidnapers who collected \$200,000 ransom were at least allowed by the photographers to cover their faces while the public generally got the idea that their victim was probably a fine (at least sympathetic) character, when, as a matter of fact, he very likely is connected with the Tia Juana bullfights — a "sport" just as unnecessarily cruel and brutal as cockfighting.

I heartily commend the po-

lice for breaking up their activities, but to book them for "violation of penal code section prohibiting the use of animals for gaming purposes" doesn't seem right.

My dictionary defines gaming as "the playing of games of chance for stakes; gambling," and if we substitute for these people those whose names are in the social register, use horses instead of chickens, and run them at Santa Anita, it's still the same thing.

What I'm driving at is that in our modern civilization, there is indeed a very fine line between criminal activity and complete respectability.

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### Lauds Editorial

Editor, Torrance Herald  
May I warmly congratulate you on your excellent editorial of Sunday, Nov. 27, 1960, "Can Johnny Read Yet?"

You have certainly stated the facts in the matter very clearly and definitely and in no uncertain terms.

The great majority of the people of California (and of the United States) are fundamentally conservative, and they need to hear the ringing challenge to individual incentive and individual endeavor, and I know they will respond to such a challenge.

It is therefore very encouraging to see the community newspapers of the country coming out so strongly for that which is fundamentally for the good of our great country.

C. ELLIS CARVER, M.D.

## End of HUAC Committee High on Liberals' List

By JAMES DORAIS

One obvious result of the photo finish popular vote on the Presidential contest is that politicians and pressure groups are going to find it mightily hard to argue that a "mandate" has been evidenced for pet policies and projects.

An overwhelming landslide vote for Kennedy would have been interpreted by left-liberal Democrats as a wholesale endorsement of every extreme item in the Democratic platform adopted at Los Angeles. Undoubtedly, they will still try to read that into the narrow victory but the argument won't be very convincing.

Not listed as a must in the Democratic platform, but high on the liberals' list of things-to-get-done next year is abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the committee that exposed the Soviet agent Alger Hiss. California Congressman James Roosevelt, long an ardent critic of the Committee, is slated to introduce a resolution to abolish the Committee during the next session of Congress.

All-out support for the Roosevelt resolution is being engineered through the formation of several organizations and citizens committees with interlocking directorates.

Key figure in the organization of these "operation abolition" committees, according to the columnist Jack Lott, is Frank Wilkinson of Los Angeles, who was convicted last year of contempt of Congress. A former information director for the Los Angeles Housing Authority, he was fired from his job for refusal to answer court questions as to Communist Party membership.

Wilkinson has been identified by the FBI as one of the organizers of the student riots in San Francisco last May against the Un-American Activities Committee, then convened at hearings in San Francisco's City Hall. The emotional steam generated by the mob action and battle with the City's police has furnished the local Communist Party with the biggest shot in the arm it has had in years.

Wilkinson's chief lieutenant in "operation abolition" is

Harvey O'Connor of Rhode Island, who is now waiting trial on congressional contempt charges. Wilkinson and O'Connor, who previously organized such high-sounding Communist front organizations as "The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee" and the "Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms" have formed two brand new outfits to carry the ball for "operation abolition": the "National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee" and "The Committee of First Amendment Defendants." And as usual, there will be many thousands of fuzzy-headed liberals lending respectable support to the effort.

## W.A. Felker, Robinson on Bank's Board

Two leading Torrance residents have accepted appointments on the advisory board for Bank of America's Torrance branch, Manager H. G. Frenz announced today.

They are W. A. Felker, retired investment broker, of 1527 Post Ave., and Abe Robinson, owner-manager of Lawson's Jewelers.

The two join a panel of prominent citizens who counsel branch officers in matters of economic and community interest. The board is one of a number throughout California.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Robinson and Mr. Felker to our board," Frenz said. "Their advice and counsel, based on their wide knowledge and long residence here, should prove most beneficial."

The Torrance branch advisory board is headed by Chairman Dean L. Sears and Vice Chairman Sam Levy. Other members are Dr. J. H. Hull, Jack Brooks, Richard S. Pyle, and George Stevens.

## Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

The files of THE HERALD for Dec. 5, 1940 told of the election of the late John E. McCall to the presidency for 1941 of the Torrance Kiwanis club. The city attorney, McCall was set to succeed E. E. Murchison. The new president was spoken of as a "good teller of tales and has been known to break into some weird noises which he claims are old Seminole Indian songs."

The service clubs reflected the social life of the comparatively small community, and lodges and numerous women's organizations thrived. The Rotary club, with Charlie Jones, former Torrance hardware man, as chairman for the event, was planning a dinner-dance at the Army and Navy Club in Long Beach. At least 100 couples were expected to attend.

Torrance schools, with a grand enrollment of 2295 pupils, were affected by a "flu" epidemic that had caused the absence of 338. The lone PTA unit was in the midst of a discussion on a public relations program for the schools then not operating as a unified district.

Oranges and tangerines were selling for 5 cents a dozen and the thrifty housewife could find 10 pounds of No. 1 Idaho baking potatoes for 18 cents.

Automobile dealers were announcing the new 1941 models advertising bigger and longer cars for the Big Three. Their predictions for a banner year in 1941 were born out as U.S. production facilities began to gear for the war to come. THE HERALD carried a four column picture of the B-24 bombers being shipped to the Royal Air

Force and local plants were reporting receipt of some new orders promising reduction of unemployment.

The meeting of the electoral college set for Dec. 16 was certain to give California's 22 electoral votes to Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry Wallace.

In an article on the forthcoming meeting of the college the newspaper commented: "There is no question but that the Electoral College has outlived its usefulness, but it process to remove it from the constitution."

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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14-Every resolve  
15-Greek post  
17-Gunner's cockpit  
18-Island off Ireland  
19-Held in reverence  
21-Cubic meter  
22-Large truck  
23-Press  
27-Toutoute deity  
28-Sandarae tree  
29-Roman official  
30-Cooled lava  
32-Profoundly earnest  
40-State  
41-Goddess of discord  
42-Prince who battles  
10-Biblical word  
16-Unit of Portuguese currency  
13-Den  
14-Every resolve  
20-Sorinlike cocktail  
22-Urn  
23-Island off Ireland  
25-Aromas  
26-Gaseous element (pl.)  
29-Back down  
31-Note of scale  
32-So be it!  
35-Note of scale  
36-Profoundly earnest  
40-State  
42-Vant age  
44-Helrew  
45-Unit of month  
46-Strikes out  
48-Drudgery  
50-Plunge  
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54-Guido's high note  
54-Unit of Japanese currency  
57-Saint (abbr.)

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7-Nothing

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Your Daily Activity Guide  
According to the Stars  
To develop message for Sunday,  
read words corresponding to numbers  
of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21 - APR. 20 41-50-66-71 76-78-92-90	TAURUS APR. 21 - MAY 21 14-20-28-42 70-73-77	GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21 25-38-52-57 59-65-72	CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 23 2-15-22-33 44-51-63	LEO JULY 24 - AUG. 23 15-17-36-40 49-55-67	VERGO AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23 30-34-45-53 58-61-65-67	LIBRA SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23 12-21-23-26 31-39-80-86	SCORPIO OCT. 24 - NOV. 23 3-4-5-6 7-13-36	SAGITTARIUS NOV. 24 - DEC. 23 18-32-48-60 69-75-79-81	CAPRICORN DEC. 24 - JAN. 23 24-29-37-43 64-74-84-88	AQUARIUS JAN. 24 - FEB. 19 19-27-35-47 64-60-83-89	PISCES FEB. 20 - MAR. 21 1-8-9-10 11-46-62
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